

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: February 15, 2001

Place: Room 118

Convened: 9:58 AM **Recessed:** **Reconvened:** **Adjourned:** 10:48 AM

Present: Senators Gaskill-CH, Sexton-VC, Black-RM, Fink, Greiner
Representatives Drake-CH, Kettering-VC, Mertz-RM, Baudler, Eddie, Hahn,
May, Quirk, Schrader

Co-Chairman Thurman Gaskill called the meeting to order in Room 118, February 15, 2001, at 9:58 a.m.

The roll was called and all members were present. Representative Baudler moved to approve the minutes as distributed.

Senator Gaskill introduced Patty Judge, Secretary of Agriculture, who discussed the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship budget requests. The Secretary presented handouts detail Actual FY 2000 Expenses, Estimated FY 2001 Expenses, and Department Requests for FY 2002. She explained various aspects of the appropriations request. Ms. Judge is aware of current budget limitations, and discussed areas of priority as well as areas in which the requested budget may be cut. She expressed her willingness to try to find solutions to the problems, and requested there be no across the board cuts. The presentation followed with questions and discussion.

Representative Mertz moved to arise at 10:48 a.m.

Gerry Gaskill, Secretary